

Previous Version of Claims  
U.S. Serial No.: To be Assigned  
(Continuation Application of 09/291,215)  
February 6, 2001

jc971 U.S. PTO  
09/778926  
02/06/01

1. A method for typing a sample of a prion or spongiform encephalopathy disease the method comprising comparing and identifying similar physicochemical properties of the sample with a standard sample of known type.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the standard sample of known type is bovine spongiform encephalopathy or Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease.
3. A method as claimed in claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~ wherein the comparison of physicochemical properties comprises a comparison of protease resistance and/or glycoform ratios.
4. **(Once Amended)** A method as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 3 wherein the protease resistance is proteinase K resistance.
5. **(Once Amended)** A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 2 to 4~~ claim 3 wherein the spongiform encephalopathy is mammalian or chicken derived, in particular, bovine, feline, cervine, ovine, human (or other primate-suitably macaque) or murine derived.
6. **(Once Amended)** A method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 3 wherein the method comprises the steps of subjecting the sample to digestion by a protease, electrophoresing the result of the digestion step and comparing the resulting pattern of the electrophoresis with a standard electrophoresis pattern of a known sample.
7. **(Once Amended)** A method as claimed in ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 3 wherein the typing of the sample comprises a method of diagnosing a disease.
8. **(Once Amended)** A method as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 3 wherein the sample to ~~by~~ be typed is ~~if~~ if mammalian or chicken derived, in particular derived from a human, (or other primate-suitably macaque) bovine, feline, ovine, cervine, or murine animal.

Previous Version of Claims  
U.S. Serial No.: To be Assigned  
(Continuation Application of 09/291,215)  
February 6, 2001

5

9. (Once Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any on of the preceeding claims~~ claim 3 wherein the sample to be typed is derived from brain tissue, other central nervous system tissue, a tissue of the lymphoreticular system (including the spleen, tonsil or lymph node), cerebrospinal fluid and/or the blood.

10

10. A method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the electrophoresis pattern of the known sample has a pattern substantially similar to that of type 4 as shown in figure 4.

15

13. A method of identifying infection in an animal and/or tissue of bovine spongiform encephalopathy the method comprising isolating a prion protein from the animal and/or tissue and identifying that said prion protein can be characterized by having three distinct bands on an electrophoresis gel following proteinase K digestion, the bands comprising i) a band of highest molecular weight in the greatest proportion, ii) a band of lowest molecular weight in the lowest proportion, and (iii) a band with a molecular weight between i and ii and a proportion between i and ii or characterized by having substantially similar glycoform proportions as bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

20

14. A method as claimed in claim 13 wherein the animal or tissue is non-bovine.

25

15. (Once Amended) A method as claimed in claim 13 ~~or claim 14~~ wherein the animal, and ~~or~~ and/or tissue, from which the prion is sampled is mammalian or chicken derived, in particular, human, (or other primate-suitably macaque) bovine, feline, cervine, ovine, or murine derived.

30

16. (Once Amended) A method as claimed in ~~any on of claims 13 to 15~~ claim 13 wherein the prion is derived from brain tissue, other central nervous system tissue, a tissue of the lymphoreticular system (including the spleen, tonsil or lymph node), cerebrospinal fluid and/or the blood.

**Previous Version of Claims**  
**U.S. Serial No.: To be Assigned**  
**(Continuation Application of 09/291,215)**  
**February 6, 2001**

5

26. A method for identifying infection in an animal and/or tissue, as claimed in claim 13, substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the examples.

10 27. A method for assessing and/or predicting the susceptibility of an animal, in particular a human, to bovine spongiform encephalopathy or a derivative thereof, substantially as hereinbefore described.

15

nancy gilmore - h:\baker\_hollie\legal\kilburn-fl\102286.408\claims\_blackline.doc